

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 12 May 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 13 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 11 May 2023 at 14:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High generally but lower for timing of rain and its clearance on Sunday.

Headline for Friday 12 May 2023: A dry day with broken cloud and some sunny intervals. Moderate northeast breeze on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 12 May 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

High Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Friday 12 May 2023

Weather: Dry throughout. Some patchy low cloud in the Trossachs and Arran overnight and at first in the morning lifting and breaking otherwise clear then sunny spells, with some higher based cloud at times during the day. Later some low cloud may drift in to Atlantic coasts but will be shallow and not reach far up the hills.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% at first in Trossachs otherwise more than 90%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of low cloud 500-800m in the Trossachs and Arran at first lifting off the hills, then any cloud above summits with good visibility underneath.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	7/9 E	5/7 SE	5/7 N	5/8 NE	4/7 NW	6/11 W	6/9 W	4/7 NW	5/7 S
900	9/12 E	4/7 SE	4/6 NE	2/5 NE	4/7 NW	6/10 W	7/10 W	5/7 W	4/6 S
600	13/17 NE	8/11 NE	6/9 NE	4/7 NE	3/7 NW	6/10 W	8/11 W	6/9 SW	5/6 SW
300	5/10 N	4/8 N	3/7 N	4/7 NE	3/7 NW	6/10 W	6/10 W	3/5 N	3/5 S
Glen	8/17 NE	6/15 NE	5/11 NE	3/6 NE	3/7 W	6/10 W	8/14 W	5/9 W	3/5 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	4/1	3/1	3/1	3/1	5/4	7/5	6/5	4/3	3/1
900	5/2	4/2	5/4	7/6	9/8	11/10	10/8	7/6	5/4
600	7/4	7/5	7/5	8/7	11/11	12/11	12/11	9/8	8/6
300	8/7	8/6	8/7	11/10	14/13	15/14	14/13	11/10	10/9
Glen	10/8	8/7	10/9	14/13	16/16	17/16	16/14	12/12	9/9
Freezing Level*	1800m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1800m	1900m	1900m	1900m	1800m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

There will be a high risk of sunburn.

Forecast for Saturday 13 May 2023

Weather: A dry day with long sunny spells, though high cloud increasing later.

Maximum wind: Southwest 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: More than 90%.

Low Cloud and visibility: No low cloud and good visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to Plus 18 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 rising to Plus 10 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits.